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June 2, 2008

Ms. Catherine Glidden Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street SW Washington, DC 20043-0001

RE:

A Level III Cultural Resource Inventory, of the Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern Railroad Corporation's Powder River Basin Expansion Project Corridor, Custer, Fall River, and Pennington Counties, South Dakota – Addendum 2

Dear Ms. Glidden:

The draft archaeological resources inventory and evaluation (SD1b), noted above and prepared for the Powder River Basin Project (PRB Project) in South Dakota, is available for review by the Surface Transportation Board. The report complements existing data on the New Build segment of the PRB Project documented by the University of South Dakota ARCHLAB in 1999, and subsequently revised by SWCA in 2007 (Report SD1). This report was prepared by SWCA Environmental Consultants (SWCA), under contract to HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR), as an addendum to the ARCHLAB report. The work documented in this addendum report was completed at the STB's request in Fall 2007 to update information about sites already inventoried by ARCHLAB.

The report has been converted into PDF files to facilitate the STB review. The files have been uploaded to HDR's FTP Public Site (ftp://ftp.hdrinc.com). You will be prompted to enter a username (UAD\MMADSONHDR) and password (sunshine) before downloading the report files.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if I can assist in your review of the report. Please provide comments on the report at your earliest convenience to Michael Madson (mmadson@hdrinc.com), preferably by June 13, 2008. We look forward to your comments.

Sincerely,

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